

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: LISTING OF 1-BROMOPROPANE UNDER PROPOSITION 65

Thank you for your letter of August 1, 2002, requesting an expedited review of 1-bromopropane under Proposition 65, and for the materials submitted in support of your request. You note that the California workforce may be at significant risk for reproductive damage from exposure to this chemical, and that the National Toxicology Program's Center for Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR) identified the chemical as an animal developmental toxicant and male and female reproductive toxicant.

Public health considerations warrant an expedited Proposition 65 review of 1-bromopropane. On December 4, 2002, the Developmental and Reproductive Hazard Identification Committee – the Proposition 65 State's qualified experts for reproductive toxicity assessment – will meet. Dr. Joan Denton consulted with the newly appointed chair of the Committee, Dr. Marion Miller, and they decided to place on the agenda two items that relate to the potential listing of this chemical under Proposition 65. Regarding the first item, the Committee will decide whether to identify the CERHR as an authoritative body under Proposition 65. Should that organization be identified as such, 1-bromopropane will be a candidate for listing via the authoritative bodies process. Secondly, as a separate item, the Committee will be asked to decide whether to review the compound as the State's qualified experts for Proposition 65. Should the committee decide affirmatively, the compound will be scheduled for a listing decision at a subsequent Committee meeting, if the chemical has not been already listed under Proposition 65 via the authoritative bodies mechanism.

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Thank you for bringing this important public health issue to my attention. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 622-3150.

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